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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Han-Ming YUAN et al. Confirmation No: 8553  
Appl. No. : 10/717,582  
Filed : November 21, 2003  
Title : CONTACT HOLE FORMING METHOD  
  
TC/A.U. : 2813  
Examiner : T. S. Pham  
  
Docket No.: : YUAN3007/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of March 30, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application. This response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.